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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: May 24, 2016

DATE: May 9, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Al Rogers, Management Services Director
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THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Approve recommendations for Commission District Special Fund grants for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Commission District 5 in the [total amount of \$15,000]; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Nevada Lands Council for an annual [\$1,000] Government membership fee and a one-time [\$4,000] cash donation to help provide resources, a [\$10,000] grant to Washoe County Senior Center's to support and enhance the programs including technology and activities offered at the Senior Center's in District 5; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers. (Commission District 5)

SUMMARY

Approve resolutions allocating district funds in the amount of [\$15,000] for Commission District 5 to support safe, secure and healthy communities' initiative.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

July 28, 2015 – Board of County Commissioners approved County Commission District 5 Special Fund grant to American Lands Council in the amount of \$5,000 for annual membership fee for Fiscal Year budget 15-16.

May 18, 2015 – Board of County Commissioners approved 15-16 Fiscal Year Budget with \$20,000 allocated per Commissioner District for County Commission District Special Funding Accounts.

February 10, 2015 – Board of County Commissioners approved modification of guidelines and adoption of Resolution for County Commission District Special Funding creating Commission District Special Funds for each Commission District.

BACKGROUND

Funds appropriated through the Commission District Special Funds must provide substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and are to support needs for all Washoe County residents that are not previously budgeted.

The recipient must be a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or a governmental entity. Funds shall not provide any personal or private benefit for the Commissioners, direction or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commission, violate Ethics in Government law, or be used to purchase tickets to special events.

District 5 Commissioner has elected to support the following organizations in fiscal year 2015-16:

District 5:

Nevada Lands Council (NLC) [\$5,000]

The grant will support a one-time cash donation of \$4,000 and an annual yearly Government Membership fee of \$1,000. This membership includes the following: Being updated on the latest land transfer information affecting Nevada, allowed access to NLC resources located on the website, and be alerted when NLC events are taking place; priority invitations to NLC events; eligibility for appointment to NLC Boards & Committees; and pride in knowing that they are actively engaged in the federal land transfer movement.

From the NLC website the Nevada Lands Council, established in 2016, is a non-profit organization. "The Nevada Lands Council is a non-profit organization that was established to provide the resources necessary to secure control of federal public lands within the borders of Nevada by transferring their ownership and management to the state." Their goal is to ensure that Nevadans, who know and truly care about our state, will have an opportunity to manage the land in order to provide: 1) Healthier air, water, and wildlife; by supporting State land management to streamline processes that expedite measures to enhance wildlife populations and ensure healthy air and water quality. 2) Abundant, accessible outdoor recreation by supporting State management to help conserve public land through good stewardship practices and responsible recreational use. 3) Safe, vibrant communities by supporting State management that utilizes natural resources to establish stable and vibrant economic communities.

Washoe County Senior Centers [\$10,000]

The Washoe County Senior Centers located in Sun Valley [\$3,000]; Cold Springs [\$3,000] and Gerlach [\$4,000] whose vision is "Living Well. Aging Well." Washoe County is one of the fastest aging communities in the United States. Senior Services is committed to helping seniors get connected, prepared and in staying informed.

Washoe County Senior Services is part of an interconnected service community that is committed to building a higher quality of life for all residents, regardless of age. In doing so, they offer direct and indirect services including senior centers throughout the community, and finally, Senior Services seeks to be the regional leader in preparing our community as it ages. Washoe County Senior Services focus is to enrich the lives of seniors and improve the programs and services that help people of all ages.

By enhancing technology, services and programs at the Washoe County Senior Center's in District 5 it will help to promote health and independence for the elderly and encourage seniors to be active and healthy.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds have been included in the FY 2015-2016 approved budget under Commission District Constituent cost centers: District 5 – 100105. This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$15,000] as follows:

District 5 Special Funding: [100105-710400]

This action also requires some cross-fund, cross-functional budget appropriations transfer for District 5 as follows:

Cost Object	G/L	Amount increase/ (decrease)
CC - 100105 (General Fund District 5 Special Funding)	710400 - Payments to Other Agencies	\$ (10,000.00)
CC - 100105 (General Fund District 5 Special Funding)	812025 - Transfer to Senior Services	\$ 10,000.00
CC - 250130 (Senior Services Fund - Sun Valley Local)	621001 - Transfer From General Fund	\$ 3,000.00
CC - 250130 (Senior Services Fund - Sun Valley Local)	710500 - Other Expense	\$ 3,000.00
CC - 250140 (Senior Services Fund - Gerlach Local)	621001 - Transfer From General Fund	\$ 4,000.00
CC - 250140 (Senior Services Fund - Gerlach Local)	710500 - Other Expense	\$ 4,000.00
CC - 250110 (Senior Services Fund - Reno Admin - to be used for Cold Springs)	621001 - Transfer From General Fund	\$ 3,000.00
CC - 250110 (Senior Services Fund - Reno Admin - to be used for Cold Springs)	710500 - Other Expense	\$ 3,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund grants for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Commission District 5 in the [total amount of \$15,000]; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Nevada Lands Council for an annual [\$1,000] Government membership fee and a one-time [\$4,000] cash donation to help provide resources, a [\$10,000] grant to Washoe County Senior Center's to support and enhance the programs including technology and activities offered at the Senior Center's in District 5; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers. (Commission District 5)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund grants for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Commission District 5 in the [total amount of \$15,000]; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Nevada Lands Council for an annual [\$1,000] Government membership fee and a one-time [\$4,000] cash donation to help provide resources, a [\$10,000] grant to Washoe County Senior Center's to support and enhance the programs including technology and activities offered at the Senior Center's in District 5; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers."

RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Grant of Public Money to a Nonprofit Organization

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that a board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Lands Council (NLC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of individuals, counties, business, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2016, the Mission of the Nevada Lands Council is to provide the resources necessary to secure control of federal public lands within the borders of Nevada by transferring their ownership and management to the state; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County upon the recommendation of Commissioner Jeanne Herman for District 5, has determined that a total of \$5,000 is needed for the Nevada Lands Council (NLC) that includes the annual \$1,000 government membership fee and \$4,000 cash donation to support their mission and goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

1. The Board hereby grants to Nevada Lands Council (NLC), a nonprofit organization, a grant for fiscal year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$5,000 that includes an annual government membership fee of \$1,000 plus a one-time \$4,000 cash donation.
2. The Board finds that with this grant they are supporting the NLC to help their efforts of the transfer of public lands to Nevada and it is a historically significant undertaking and as such, will require a wide array of resources to ensure success.
3. The maximum allowable expended for this effort within Commission District Special Funding Accounts is \$5,000 and funds shall not be used to purchase of tickets to special events.

ADOPTED this 24th day of May, 2016.

Kitty Jung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

County Clerk

RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Grant of Public Monies to a Government Entity

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that a board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes or to a governmental entity to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County upon the recommendation of Commissioner Jeanne Herman for District 5, has determined that \$10,000 is needed to provide support and expand on the services and programs of the Washoe County Senior Center's located in District 5; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County Senior Services is part of an interconnected service community that is committed to building a higher quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County Senior Services helps to enrich the lives of seniors and improve the programs and services they offer that help people of all ages; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

1. The Board hereby grants to Washoe County Senior Services, a grant for fiscal year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$10,000 to support services and activities at the Senior Center's in District 5.
2. The Board finds that in making this grant a substantial benefit will be provided to the inhabitants for the County by enhancing and supporting the programs and services provided by the Center.
3. The maximum allowable expended for this effort within Commission District Special Funding Accounts is \$10,000 and funds shall not be used to purchase of tickets to special events.

ADOPTED this 24th day of May, 2016.

Kitty Jung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

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